

## Healthwatch Manchester Board Meeting

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 5pm - 6:30pm  
3rd Floor, The Lexicon, Mount Street, Manchester

Present	Apologies
Vicky Szulist - Chair (VS)	Mina Desai (MD)
Neil Walbran (NW)	Richard Jones (RJ)
Circle Steele (CS)	Julie Rigby (JR)
Marcus Graham (MG)	Fergal McCullough (FM)
Linda Hill (LH) - via phone	

### Minutes

#### Item

#### Welcome

VS welcomed attendees.

Apologies from MD, RJ, JR and FM.

There were no members of the public present.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** from September 2018 were accepted as true and accurate record.

1a The latest action log was reviewed, agreed and updated.

1b The latest decision log was reviewed, updated and agreed.

#### 2. Matters arising

##### Item 205

A co-production meeting with GMMH was planned for August between Healthwatch Manchester, Shelter & The Men's Room to take recommendations from 'Lost in Crisis' forward. Meeting was delayed until September due to an unavoidable issue on the part of the Trust, meeting now complete.

##### Item 189

VS met with Nick Gomm and is waiting for follow up document from him.

Carolyn Kus has left DAS post, Bernie Enright is stepping into role temporarily.

Tom Watson was not interested in being interviewed for HWM Newsletter.

Volunteer and Membership Officer role has been advertised and an interview panel has been selected.

ACTION - go ahead with additional paid advertising for VMO role.

##### Emergent issues from last meeting

C - HWM Strategy event went ahead, NW to write a summary.

D - Neil Thwaite responded to Young Onset Dementia action plan and there are leads to follow up.

Easy read version of Manchester Safeguarding Boards strategy has not come about due to lack of brief, this has recently been provided.

Real Digital - VS has made contact, this is in hand.

### **3. Report to the Board**

NW presented recent activity report including update over ongoing areas of work and reports published this period.

Emergent Issues for Consideration

- a) Board expressed concern over the lost of relationship with DAS.
- b) Cuts to public health budgets present an opportunity to co-produce improved sexual health access routes info.

### **4. Healthwatch in Greater Manchester Review**

The Board discussed the Review Report and supporting documentation from HWGM Network. The Board expressed concern over proposed draft 'joint response' from the Network and stressed that commissioners will expect a direct, individual response from HWM Board.

DECISION - Board rejected 'Hub and Spoke' and 'Federation' concepts.

ACTION - NW to draft a response on behalf of the Board, informed by this discussion.

### **Youthwatch**

5. NW presented proposal for a 'Young Healthwatch' for Manchester using branding and templates provided by Healthwatch Leeds.  
Board APPROVED Youthwatch to go ahead and suggested Department of Health grant for Children and Young People as a potential funding route.

### **Escalation issues**

6. No escalation issues.

### **7. Safeguarding**

No issues.

### **8. Documents for approval**

None

### **9. Membership for approval**

No new memberships for approval.

### **10. Date, time and venue of next meeting**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 17.00 at The Lexicon

### **11. AOB**

VS - Accounts draft is close to finalisation, will be circulated to board within the week.

NW - Crowdfunding proposition for Investigation to Hate Crimes. This is in response to a steer from John Rouse over issues in care for Afro-Caribbean women. APPROVED by Board.

**Meeting closed at 6:30pm.**